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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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RECOGNIZING FRED LUNA, AN EXTRAORDINARY NEW MEXICAN.

WHEREAS, Representative Fred Luna's public service to the state of New Mexico as a member of the house of representatives spans four decades, a period of time longer than the lifetimes of some members of the house, and serves as testimony to his dedication and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, "Chairman Luna", as he is reverently known in the capitol, educated untold numbers of colleagues in the traditions and culture of legislative life in New Mexico through his service and steady leadership on most of the house committees that exist today; and

WHEREAS, Representative Luna's respect for public office, principled statesmanship and commitment to his constituents and the people of the state of New Mexico transcend traditional

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1 partisan considerations and establish Representative Luna as a  
2 role model for all public servants; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Luna knows that the real test of  
4 legislative proficiency is measured not by the number of bills  
5 introduced or by the frequency with which one rises to debate,  
6 but rather by the breadth of one's influence and the  
7 professionalism and integrity with which one exercises that  
8 influence; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Luna's considerable influence will  
10 be felt in the house of representatives well into the future;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Luna, never one to lose sight of  
13 the fact that the legislature is the branch of government  
14 closest to the people and that the house of representatives is  
15 the body within that branch that is closer still, served *with*,  
16 but never under, six governors, four speakers of the house and  
17 six senate presidents pro tempore; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Luna's longstanding chairmanship  
19 of the house business and industry committee, which dates from  
20 1987, will be looked upon as a model for all committee chairs  
21 who seek to emulate his unfailing fairness, unflinching  
22 decisiveness and remarkable thoroughness and knowledge of the  
23 issues; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Luna will always be remembered as  
25 a gentleman, statesman and loving family man;

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